

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

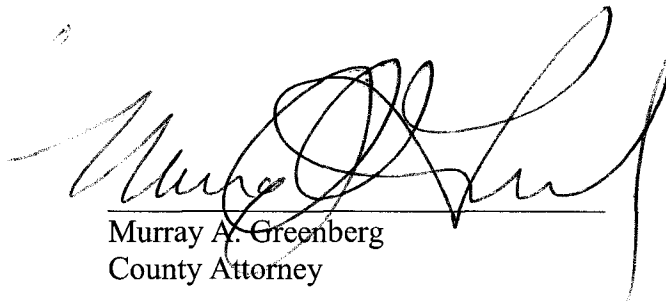
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 25, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to an
International Cattle and
Agricultural Fair at Tropical
Park

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Senator Javier D. Souto.



Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 25, 2006

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Murray A. Greenberg", is written over the printed name.

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

4-25-06

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO
ORGANIZE AN INTERNATIONAL CATTLE AND
AGRICULTURAL FAIR AT THE RONALD REAGAN
EQUESTRIAN CENTER AT TROPICAL PARK IN MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the United States has the largest fed-cattle industry in the world, and is the world's largest producer of beef, primarily high-quality, grain-fed beef for domestic and export use; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics tend to eat more beef than consumers in other regions of the world; and

WHEREAS, our proximity to Central and South America makes Florida cattle and Florida seaports and airports an attractive alternative to other cattle-producing states; and

WHEREAS, beef export patterns in 2004 were altered dramatically by the concerns with Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), also known as mad cow disease. Japan and South Korea which imported over 1 billion pounds of U.S. beef annually, ceased all imports of U.S. beef; and

WHEREAS, total U.S. beef exports plummeted from almost 2.5 billion pounds annually to under 500 million pounds of beef annually; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 Mexico became the leading destination for U.S. beef with over 300 million pounds of U.S. beef exported to Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the United States imports a significant amount of cooked beef from Latin America with almost 200 million pounds of cooked beef from Brazil, almost 100 million pounds of cooked beef from Argentina and another 100 million pounds of cooked beef from Central America; and

WHEREAS, the quantities of beef imported from Latin America pales in comparison with the 1 billion pounds of beef imported annually from Canada to the North, and the 1.6 billion pounds of beef imported annually from as far away as Australia and New Zealand; and

WHEREAS, it would be mutually advantageous to the Florida cattle industry and the cattle industry in Central and South America to come together to interact and share mutually beneficial information and discuss potential business ventures relating to the production and promotion of beef and beef related products and technology; and

WHEREAS, the cattle industry in Brazil and other Latin American nations has expressed interest in participating in a Cattle Fair at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, bringing together members of the Florida cattle industry and members of the cattle industry throughout Latin America could open up new opportunities for international commerce and tourism and that benefit Florida's economy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The County Manager is directed to work with United States Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns, Governor Jeb Bush, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Charles H. Bronson, members of the Consular Corps in Miami-Dade County representing Central and South American nations, Enterprise Florida, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Beacon Council to organize an international cattle and agricultural fair at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center at Tropical Park in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is directed to work with the County Manager in procuring the assistance of the appropriate federal and state officials to assist the County in organizing this international cattle fair.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Florida's United States Senators Mel Martinez and Bill Nelson and the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, United States Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns, Governor Jeb Bush, Agriculture Commissioner Charles H. Bronson, House Speaker Allen Bense, Senate President Tom Lee, and the chair and members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Senator Javier D. Souto and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 25th day of April, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.
Diamela del Castillo

DDC

By: _____
Deputy Clerk